

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 5:30 p.m, via Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Melissa Seifert, Grace Vinson (CVRPC)

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: none

Public Comment: none

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the May 4, 2021 minutes.

Sign for Community Garden: Melissa explained that they would like to put up a sign on the Old Schoolhouse Common sign, because they are trying to expand the gardens and expand awareness. The Board approved of putting up a sign. They suggested that she try to match the style of the signs that are there. Melissa volunteered to paint the sign and paint over the signs that are no longer there. She asked about holding small events at the garden. The Board did not feel like the Community Garden group needs permission since the space is already set aside for them.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Grace Vinson from Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission attended the meeting to work on the hazard mitigation plan. The Board and Grace discussed vulnerability assessments. Mitigation Strategies will be discussed at the next meeting (June 1st) and she will have a draft ready on June 15th.

COVID-19 update: The Governor has changed the mask mandate to allow vaccinated people to go without a mask. The Board will keep the mask requirement for now, at least for a few more weeks until more people are fully vaccinated. Town employees who are vaccinated will not need to wear a mask unless someone else comes in to the office.

Underground Storage Tank testing: The Town received notification about a new requirement to have the overflow prevention system tested. The Road Crew received a quote for \$2,000 to perform the test. They were able to find someone to do the work locally. The test and repairs were completed for \$700.

Web domain: The Town received a recommendation from the Secretary of State to change our domain name to .gov. Rich moved to change the town's web domain. Michele seconded – all in favor.

School Street Bridge: The Town has been notified that we will be receiving a grant to repair the surface of the bridge. Vtrans representatives are meeting with Bobbi and Scott to develop a scope of work for the project.

Local Emergency Management Plan: The Board and Bobbi reviewed and made changes to the plan. Bobbi will bring it to the next meeting for approval.

Appointments: Chris moved to appoint Rich Phillips and Ellen Keene to the energy committee, and Taber Allison as the alternate to the CVFiber Board. Rich seconded – all in favor. The Board brainstormed ways to generate more interest in the committees.

Library porch: The State has required an architect or engineer's review of the plans. Chris is going to contact a couple people to see if they would volunteer to review it.

American Rescue Plan: Bobbi updated the Board on what is known about the ARPA funds. The dollar amount that the town will receive is still not definite.

Personnel: At approximately 8:15, Chris moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. Rich seconded all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 9:08. Rich will draft a letter to Mitch, the former Zoning Administrator, asking him to turn over any Town documents that he still has.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll and authorized Rich to sign them.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the May 18, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
